



## **Autism Council Meeting Minutes**

**Lewis Cass Building**

**Friday June 28, 2013**

**9:00a.m- 12 p.m.**

<b>COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>
Colleen Allen, Chairperson	Autism Alliance of Michigan
Amy Matthews, Vice-Chairperson	Grand Valley State University
Stacie Rulison, Secretary	Autism Alliance of Michigan
Michael Caine	Haslett Public Schools
Mary Chaliman	Michigan Department of Human Services
Rhonda Fossitt	Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services
Elizabeth Knisely	Michigan Department of Community Health
Joanne Winkelman	Michigan Department of Education
<b>COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>
Wayne Fuqua	Western Michigan University
Anthony Ianni	Autism Alliance of Michigan
Robert Sheehan	Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties
Jane Turner	Michigan State University
<b>MDCH STAFF PRESENT</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>
Morgan Aue	MDCH, Children and Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders Administration
Officer Edward Barrett	Lewis Cass Building / Michigan State Police
Lisa Grost	MDCH, Children and Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders Administration
Lori Irish	Michigan Department of Community Health
Min Lee	MDCH, Children and Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders Administration
Kaitlyn Longoria	MDCH, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration



Price Pullins	Michigan Department of Community Health
Karla Ruest	Michigan Department of Community Health
Lynda Zeller	MDCH, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration
<b>COUNCIL GUESTS</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>
Calvin Gage	Great Lakes Autism Center-ROI
James Gallant	Project Parenting Time
Aimee Franc	Parent and Advocate
Bill Leavell	Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS)
Barbara Leroy	DDI/WSU
Jenell Leonard	Lt. Governor's Office
Audra Parsons	Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS)
Scott Schrum	Great Lakes Autism Center- ROI
Mary Sharp	Physician and Parent, Advocate
Kelli Stapleton	Parent and Advocate

### **ROLL CALL**

A Roll Call of the Council members, MDCH staff, and guests was completed.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Autism Council meeting was called to order by Chair Colleen Allen at 9:06 a.m. A quorum was present for today's meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Colleen Allen called for a **MOTION** to approve the meeting agenda as written. Amy Matthew's proposed removing the START presentation. Chair Colleen Allen called for a **MOTION** to approve the amended agenda. Staci Rulison made a **MOTION** to approve the amended agenda, and it was seconded by JoAnne Winkelman. The **MOTION** carried.

### **APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES**



Chair Colleen Allen called for a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Rhonda Fossitt made a **MOTION** to accept minutes with corrections to her Insurance report. A **MOTION** to accept the amended minutes was made by Stacie Rulison and seconded by Mary Chaliman. The **MOTION** carried.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

### **Summary- Karla Ruest**

Karla Ruest, the MDCH Legislative Liaison, reported that the 2014 Budget for the Autism Medicaid/MICHild Coverage is 22 million dollars. The 2014 Budget has been passed and signed by the Governor. The budget also included funding allocation to four universities: Eastern Michigan University, Central Michigan University, Western Michigan University, and Oakland University. Eastern Michigan University will receive \$1M and the other three will receive \$500,000 each to allocate according to the language in the appropriations. The MDCH will monitor their contracts and Karla will convene a meeting with Lisa Grost (MDCH), Colleen Allen (as Council Chair) and University representatives to discuss aligning funding and priorities with the ASD State Plan. The Autism Council can provide education on the ASD State Plan but does not have a direct say in how the money will be spent. Also reported, was the MDCH is working very hard to pass Medicaid reform by the end of July and appreciates everyone's support.

## **STANDING REPORTS**

### **Council Chair / Autism Alliance of Michigan – Colleen Allen**

Colleen Allen reported AAoM has been working on several fundraisers, family events, and autism safety initiatives. They have worked with Henry Ford and Greenfield Village to enhance the facilities to be more family friendly and safer for those with autism.

Colleen Allen, Stacie Rulison, and Amy Matthews have been diligently working with Jane Turner on the HRSA grant proposal. This grant application proposed priorities from the Early Identification and Early Intervention Subcommittee. Specific priorities include: training for Primary Care Providers/Pediatricians on regular screenings, care coordination, and navigation through the system to increase services provided for those with autism.

Colleen Allen reported AAoM still receiving inquiries on insurance coverage and options related to autism services.

### **Council Secretary / Autism Alliance of Michigan – Stacie Rulison**

No Report.

**Michigan Department of Human Services- Mary Chaliman**



Mary Chaliman discussed the need for there to be more information and policy to guide resources and referrals for children with Autism.

Additionally, Dr. Jeanette Scheid is holding a one day conference on September 18, 2013, for residential centers.

**Michigan Department of Education- Joanne Winkelman**

Joanne Winkelman reported that the Department of Education is waiting to hear about Common Core State Standards which is their priority right now.

**Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services- Rhonda Fossitt**

Rhonda Fossitt reported that the Department of Insurance Financial Services is responsible for the Autism Fund and it is underutilized. To date only \$14,000 from the fund has been used. Currently, Blue Cross is not utilizing the fund and Blue Care Network has submitted the majority of the claims

The Affordable Care Act does not include scope or duration; therefore, insurance companies will need to file with DIFS how they will convert the state law dollar amount to time segments.

**Michigan School Districts/Haslett Public Schools – Michael Caine**

Michael Caine reported that there will be five Autism sessions at the Michigan Association of Special Education Conference, August 11-14, 2013, Grand Traverse Resort.

**Michigan Department of Community Health - Elizabeth Knisely**

Elizabeth Knisely reported that the three positions for the Autism Program have been filled. She introduced Morgan Aue-Vandenberg, BCBA the Autism Behavior and Training Specialist, Min Lee the Autism Program Analyst, and Lisa Grost the Autism Administrator.

Elizabeth Knisely reported that 125 kids from 15 of the 18 PIHP's have been approved in the Waiver Support Application System. The MDCH will be working on providing assistance to the PIHPs/CMHPs and trainings.

Lastly, she reported the Autism Class Action Law Suit against MDCH has been settled.

**Grand Valley State University (GVSU) – Amy Matthews**

Amy Matthews reported that the START Project continues to conduct trainings. They will be expanding work in the area of transition into adulthood, and they will be adding a toddler training this year.



Amy Matthews reported that the ARIC website is continuing to be updated, and is ready to start being populated with information. This will be used as a statewide autism resource.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Early Identification Early Intervention (EIEI) - Amy Matthews**

Amy Matthews reported the EIEI subcommittee will have three subgroups: Screening, Evaluation, and Intervention. Each of the three groups will have a Core Committee and an Advisory Committee. The Screening group will be led by Jane Turner, Evaluation will be led by Colleen Allen, and Intervention will be led by Amy Matthews. The Subcommittee met on May 22, 2013 and discussed who would be a part of each workgroup. They were separated by location, profession, and organization. The EIEI Core Subcommittee meeting will be July 26, 2013.

### **Adult Service Subcommittee- Stacie Rulison**

Stacie Rulison reported that the Adult Service Subcommittee executive group met and is currently looking at effective practices in adult services. The three areas that will be targeted include employment, living arrangements, and transition supports. At the June 10, 2013 meeting, the executive group received an information brief from Maureen Ziegler on current Adult transition START programs and Yasmina Boudari briefed on the Employment First initiative. The Adult Core Subcommittee meeting will be July 30, 2013.

### **Insurance Ad Hoc Update- Colleen Allen**

Colleen Allen reported that one of the key issues identified in the last meeting, was the access to service issue due to the waiting lists at the Autism Centers. The Autism Centers had waiting lists prior to the autism legislation going into effect. They are continuing to discuss options for reducing this wait time. Additional organizations are awaiting credentialing approval to become approved Autism Centers.

Colleen Allen suggested discussion at a future meeting of moving the Insurance Ad Hoc Committee under the EIEI subcommittee.

The third draft of the BCBA Michigan licensure legislation is close to completion. Wayne Fuqua and James Todd are working it.

Discussion occurred about continuing to communicate updated information on insurance options for families due to families requesting information with open enrollment coming soon.

### **Crisis Management Ad Hoc- Colleen Allen**



Chair Colleen Allen called for a **MOTION** to create a Crisis Management Ad Hoc Committee. Elizabeth Knisely made a MOTION to create a Crisis Management Ad Hoc, and was seconded by Michael Caine. The **MOTION** carried.

Elizabeth Knisely offered to chair the Committee. Michael Cain, Mary Chaliman, Amy Matthews, and Price Pullins offered to be on the Committee. Ms. Knisely will coordinate a meeting.

#### **Need for Budget Ad Hoc- Colleen Allen**

Colleen Allen proposed that the Council defer this issue.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **Subcommittee Selection/ Acceptance Update – Amy Matthews and Lisa Grost**

Colleen Allen asked for clarification on the current application procedure. Lisa Grost advised the Council applications are continuing to be submitted and suggested editing the application, as well as, adding a page on the website to post updates. Discussion resulted in all future applicants will be shared with the co-chairs of the subcommittees; however, most applicants will be placed on an advisory committee for the next six to nine month.

Kaitlyn Longoria will propose a standard letter to distribute to future applicants and continue to manage the application submission and database.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Development of Education Subcommittee Timeline – Amy Matthews**

Amy Matthews reported the preliminary phase of the Education Subcommittee is underway and the tentative launch will be fall 2013. Discussion resulted with suggesting Michael Caine and Joanne Winkelman are the proposed leadership representation from the Council.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

##### **Great Lakes Center for Autism Treatment and Research - Scott Schrum**

Presentation outline- See Attached

**START- Amy Matthews- Tabled until next meeting**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENT**

##### **Parent/Advocate- Kelli Stapleton**

Kelli Stapleton is the mother of Issy, a patient at the Great Lakes Autism Center. She begged the Autism Council to identify the families in the state who are in crisis. She asked the Council to make a committee to identify the population in Michigan with



families in severe crisis due to a child with autism and help the children to receive adequate treatment. Documents were submitted to the Council and they are attached.

**Parent/Advocate- Aimee Franc**

Aimee Franc highlighted her traumatic plight with a daughter with a severe level of autism. Her daughter is currently a patient in the Great Lakes Autism Center. However, Aimee Franc had to threaten the Community Mental Health Center in order to get help. Aimee Franc wanted the Council to know that many Community Mental Health agencies are not offering services to assist families and this is putting families in life threatening situations. Ms. Franc reported families should not have to be hospitalized before agencies will help them; and behavior therapy needs to be covered for children after age five.

**Project Parenting Time- James Gallant**

James Gallant reported his concern of the Council implying families can advocate for themselves, and it is a direct contradiction to Parliamentary Law. Mr. Gallant encourages the Autism Council to fully comply with the Open Meetings Act.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m. June 28, 2013.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lewis Cass Building.